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SUMMARY: THE FRG HAS NOW COMPLETED ITS INVESTIGATION OF THE 52 PERSONS WHOSE NAMES WERE PASSED TO THE FOREIGN OFFICE AND HAS PRODUCED SLIGHT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IN SIX CASES. IN GENERAL, THE CONCLUSION OF THE FRG IS THAT INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE EXISTS TO CONNECT THE SUSPECTS WITH WAR CRIMES WHICH IN SEVERAL INSTANCES ARE KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN COMMITTED. THE DOCUMENTATION FURNISHED BY THE FRG IS BEING POUCHED TO THE DEPARTMENT. END SUMMARY.

1. FONOFF HAS PASSED EMBASSY RESULTS OF FRG INVESTIGATION OF PERSONS NOW LIVING IN THE US WHO ARE SUSPECTED OF HAVING COMMITTED WAR CRIMES. KEY SECTION OF FONOFF NOTE VERBALE READS: "THE CENTRAL AUTHORITY (I.E., LUDWIGSBURG) IS WELL SITUATED TO CONFIRM THAT VARIOUS CASES OF CAPITAL CRIMES TOOK PLACE
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PEOPLE'S ASSISTANCE GROUPS (FREUNDVOELKISCHE HILFS-KRAEFTE) TOOK PART. NEVERTHELESS, THERE IS NO EVIDENCE OF THE PARTICIPATION OF THOSE WHO ARE NAMED IN THE ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS."

2. FRG HAS PROVIDED US WITH ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION RE THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS

A. HAZNERS (TEXTS OF PRELIMINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST HAZNERS SUSPENDED IN DORTMUND ON JANUARY 1, 1970 FOR LACK OF EVIDENCE);

B. KARKLINS (TEXTS OF PRELIMINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST KARKLINS SUSPENDED IN DORTMUND ON APRIL 17, 1975 FOR LACK OF EVIDENCE);

C. LAIPENIEKS (NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF FIVE WITNESSES WHO MIGHT BE WILLING TO TESTIFY AGAINST LAIPENIEKS);

D. SPROGIS (TEXTS OF PRELIMINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST SPROGIS SUSPENDED IN DORTMUND ON APRIL 17, 1975 FOR LACK OF EVIDENCE);

E. MAIKOVSKIS (TEXTS OF PRELIMINARY PROCEEDINGS PENDING AGAINST ALBERT EICHELIS IN WHICH THE QUESTION OF MAIKOVSKIS' EXTRADITION IS RAISED);

F. WALUS (TEXTS OF JUDGMENT RENDERED AGAINST ERNEST LUDWIG DICKMANN ON DECEMBER 10, 1945 IN POLAND; WALUS TESTIFIED

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AGAINST DICKMANN).

3. THE FONOFF HAS ALSO PASSED US AN ENGLISH LANGUAGE COPY OF "DAUGAVAS VANAGI'.PUBLISHED BY THE LATVIAN STATE PUBLISHING HOUSE IN RIGA IN 1963. THIS PUBLICATION INCLUDESACCUSATIONS DIRECTED AGAINST SOME OF THE INDIVIDUALS INCLUDED IN THE US REQUEST (LAIPENIEKS, MAIKOVSKIS, KARKLINS, SPROGIS, DETLAVS, TRUCIS, DANCIS, MACS, VASERIS, AND HAZNERS;THE FONOFF NOTE POINTS OUT THAT "THE ACCUSATIONS CONTAINED IN THE PUBLICATION DAUGAVAS VANAGI ARE, NEVERTHELESS, BASED ON STRONG SUSPICIONS IN THE OPINION OF THE CENTRAL AUTHORITY."

4. THE FONOFF ALSO REQUESTS THAT TRANSCRIPTS OF ANY INTERROGATIONS OF THE ALLEGED WAR CRIMINALS BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE FRG; "SUCH TRANSCRIPTS COULD BE OF VALUE IN WAR CRIMES PROCEEDINGS AGAINST OTHER PERSONS WHO ARE FACING
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JUDICIAL ACTION IN THE FRG."

5. COPIES OF THE FONOFF NOTE, DAUGAVAS VANAGI, AND THE RESULTS OF THE INVESTIGATION ON EACH CASE ARE BEING POUCHED TO EUR/CE (STEINER).
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